

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 74 (Goschka) SB 134 (Cassis)

<u>SB 74</u> would the Michigan Amber Alert to prohibit a person from intentionally making a false report of the abduction of a child, or intentionally causing a false report of a child abduction to be made, to a peace officer, state or local police agency, 9-1-1 operator, or any other governmental employee or contractor who was authorized to receive the report, knowing the report to be false.

- Goschka 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 74 passed [RC 47: 34 yes, 0 no].

<u>SB 134</u> would include a false report of a child abduction in the sentencing guidelines. A violation would be a felony punishable by up to four years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.

• SB 134 passed [RC 48: 34 yes, 0 no].

SB 136 (George)

SB 136 would prohibit a person from issuing or using a false academic credential, or claiming to have an academic credential he or she did not have. The bill also would prescribe civil fines against violators. Specifically, the bill would prohibit a person from knowingly issuing or manufacturing a false academic credential. If the Director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth found that a person had violated this provision, the Director could assess against that person a maximum civil fine of \$20,000.

• SB 136 passed [RC 44: 34 yes, 0 no].

SB 193 (George)

SB 193 would eliminate the three election divisions in the Eighth Judicial District, which consists of Kalamazoo County and has seven judges. Governor Granholm vetoed an identical bill (SB 1463) last session.

• SB 193 passed [RC 49: 20 yes, 14 no].

HB 4210 (Stakoe)

HB 4210 would amend current law to clarify that fleeing the scene of an accident resulting in injury or death to a person or damage to property is a crime irrespective of whether the driver knew of the injury, death, or property damage. That is to say, the penalty for a hit-and-run would be predicated on the injuries sustained by the victim, not on what the driver who fled knew or did not know about those injuries. This, many prosecutors contend, was the original intent of the law.

• HB 4210 passed with IE [RC 46: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

HB 4233 (HOOD)

HB 4233 would require applicants for an occupational license required under the act to submit to a criminal records check by the state police and FBI. The bill is necessary to comply with federal law as it relates to conducting criminal records checks through the FBI and to ensure that horse racing-related occupational licensees continue to be subject to a criminal records check.

• HB 4233 passed with IE [RC 45: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

THIRD READING

SB 179 (Stamas)

SB 179 would provide that a 16- or 17-year-old student could not work more than 20 hours in one week when school was in session. Currently, when school is in session, a student who is 16 or 17 may not work a combined school and work week of more than 48 hours.

• SB 179 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4197 (LaJoy)

HB 4197 would lower the population threshold at which a township and a county road commission may enter into a contract for the preservation of the county local road system within the township; and increase the amount that a contracting road commission may pay to a contracting township for local road preservation. The bill would eliminate the county population threshold, and lower the township population threshold from 40,000 to 15,000. By lowering the population threshold and increasing the percentage of the annual total cost that counties may pay to townships, the bill would enable more townships to take on special projects within their boundaries. This would relieve county road commissions of some of the burden of maintaining many miles of pavement.

• HB 4197 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

NMU Board of Control

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Brian Cloyd to the NMU Board of Control [RC 40: 34 yes, 0 no].
- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Jon LaSalle to the NMU Board of Control [RC 41: 34 yes, 0 no].

WMU Board of Control

- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Dennis Archer to the WMU Board of Control [RC 42: 34 yes, 0 no].
- The Senate confirmed the appointment of Larry Tolbert to the WMU Board of Control [RC 43: 34 yes, 0 no].